

Sutton trounced

Wycombe Wanderers 4, Sutton 0

By LANCE MASTERS

SUTTON'S eclipse at Loakes Park, their biggest defeat since losing 6-0 to Leeds in the F.A. Cup in January, was a measure of the skill that could make Wycombe Isthmian League champions this season.

Wycombe have scored 20 goals in five matches and are the only team with a 100 per cent record. With Powell and Pritchard joining from Sutton, they are perhaps the most balanced Isthmian side for years.

Sutton were not easy victims, although their goalkeeper, Bloom, had a poor game and only one forward, Bladon, presented much menace to a Wycombe back line in which Blunt, Powell and the giant Delaney were coolly efficient.

Sutton clearly face rebuilding problems, for several newcomers betrayed their inexperience under the strain of remorseless Wycombe pressure, which produced two goals in each half. Bloom gave away the first goal after 14 minutes when he jumped to punch clear Horseman's corner and succeeded only in punching the ball into his net. But he made some amends with fine saves from Blunt and Delaney before Pritchard beat him with a superbly angled shot after taking a neatly judged pass from Anthony.

Searles, with only Boom to beat, missed an easy chance before Delaney headed in Horseman's free kick midway through the second half. Sutton were still protesting that a Wycombe player was offside when Bremer cracked in the last goal from another free kick by Horseman.